

News & Events

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY 27 JANUARY

You are invited to attend the London Borough of Redbridge Holocaust Memorial Service on 27 January 2020, 11am in Valentines Park.

The theme for 2020 is **'Stand Together'**. It explores how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours, and speaking out against oppression. Today there is increasing division in communities across the UK and the world. Now more than ever, we need to stand together with others in our communities in order to stop division and the spread of identity-based hostility in our society. HMD 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz – this is a significant milestone and is made particularly poignant by the dwindling number of survivors who are able to share their testimony. It also marks the 25th anniversary of the Genocide in Bosnia.

TEA'S COMPANY THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

Our monthly time for a chat, meet new people, and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of delicious cake. In the church, 2.00pm until 3.30pm. Do publicise this, and invite your friends.

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

We aim to have three 'Bring and Share' lunches each year after the Sunday Eucharist. It's an opportunity to mix together and get to know one another in an informal setting. Our first lunch in 2020 will be on Sunday 23 February - do make a note of the date in your diary.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parochial Church Council met on Thursday last week. Some of the main points from the meeting:

- ◆ We continue to explore environmental issues and how as a church and as individuals we can be more respectful towards God's creation.
- ◆ We familiarised ourselves with the new Church Representation Rules.
- ◆ For our Lent Appeal this year we decided to support the WaterAid 'Jars of Change' Appeal raising money to bring clean water to the village of Derekwa in Ethiopia.
- ◆ We had an initial discussion about the 2019 Quinquennial Report. Churches have to be inspected every 5 years, and then carry out work identified as necessary by the report. The Quinquennial Report for St Margaret's didn't identify any major work, just some minor matters, like broken roof tiles, to attend to.
- ◆ Our inspecting architect, Michael Poteliakhoff, is resigning as of 1 May, having reached the age of 70. He has been the architect at St Margaret's for many years, and the PCC will buy him a gift to mark his retirement, and in recognition of his work for us.
- ◆ Each meeting has a slot to update PCC members with news about Safeguarding; Citizens UK; Ilford MMU; the Redbridge Deanery Synod

St Margaret of Antioch, Ilford

Welcoming, transforming and growing together in God's love

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 19 January 2020

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to St Margaret's Church

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us or visiting us. If you are here for the first time please or visiting from another church, please introduce yourself.

Keep in touch with us by visiting our web site: stmargaretilford.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter: @StMargaretIG1

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Worship & Intercessions

THIS MORNING

Welcome Team:

Jannis Abley and Barbara Haler

Mass Setting:

Mass of St Thomas David Thorne

Reader:

Ann Rotondaro

Intercessions led by Stephen Romaniuk

Eucharistic Ministers:

Rosalie Field and Jannis Abley

THIS WEEK

Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.30am Sung Eucharist

WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

The sick and those in need:

Loraine Arnold, Janet Edwards, Fizza and her family, Anne Fox, Joan Kelly, Malcolm Kennedy, Grace Martin, Jennifer Mottley and her family, Joergen Nielsen, Hemendra Rai, Reema, Avril Sangowawa, Christobel Trumpet

The recently departed, including, Dorothy Green

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

20th: Alice Hashagen, Jessie Boyd

21st: Nellie Rowcliffe

22nd: Edna Busby, Kate Johnson,

Maria Swarz, Leonard Hodgkins

24th: Louisa Peters

25th: Hannah Chatterton

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength. The LORD says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Psalm: 40

R: Hear I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited
for the Lord and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1: 1-9

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia...

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia...

Gospel: St John 1: 29-42

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make us worth to celebrate
the Supper of the Lord,
for as often as we do this
to celebrate his sacrifice,
the work of our redemption is made present.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.